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David Pierce Named Warden of Vaughn Correctional Center

The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that David Pierce has been named Warden of the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) in Smyrna. The position becomes effective August 25. Pierce replaces Perry Phelps, who was recently appointed Chief of the Bureau of Prisons.

As Warden, Pierce will oversee the state's largest adult male correctional facility, as JTVCC houses approximately 2,500 individuals. Inmates who have been sentenced to the death penalty are housed at the prison and all court-ordered executions are carried out at the facility.

Pierce had previously been a Deputy Warden at JTVCC, a position he held since 2004. He joined the DOC as a Correctional Officer in 1996 and received promotions to Corporal (1998), Sergeant (1999), Lieutenant (2000) and Staff Lieutenant (2002) before moving into his role as Deputy Warden.

"Warden Pierce has spent the past 10 years in a leadership position at Vaughn Correctional Center, so he has a great understanding of the staff, the facility and the population being supervised," said Phelps. "He brings great experience and professionalism to the Warden's Office and I look forward to working with him."

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